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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

This communication is in response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Official Action dated October 1, 1999. A petition for a one-month extension of the time for response, to and including December 1, 1999, is transmitted herewith. In view of the below remarks, an action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The present application includes claims 1-11 and 21-34. The Examiner states that the claims are directed to two groups of patentably distinct species. Species I directed to a process comprising electrolessly plating and Species II directed to a process comprising electroplating. The Examiner states that Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, the Examiner states that claim 21 is generic.

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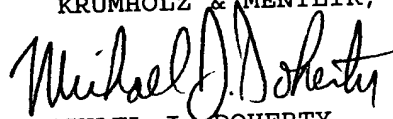
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In response to the election requirement, Applicant hereby elects species II directed to a process comprising electroplating. Applicant advises the Examiner that claims 1-11, 23 and 26 are readable on the elected species and that claims 21, 22, 25 and 27-34 are generic.

An action on the merits is now respectfully awaited. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that the foregoing action cannot be taken, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 908-654-5000 so as to overcome any additional objections he may have. If there are any fees to be incurred in connection with the response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit No. 12-1095 therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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